Education and Research (IISERs) and 2 Schools of Planning and Architecture (SPAs). There are schemes in the XI Plan for incentivising the States to create new universities. A total provision of Rs. 84,943 crore has been made in the XI Plan for strengthening higher education.

**Rules for deemed university status**

†180. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rules for grant of deemed university status to educational institutions;

(b) the number of deemed universities at present;

(c) the number of educational institutions granted the deemed university status during the last five years and the number of non-Government universities, out of that;

(d) how many deemed universities out of them do not fulfil the required conditions and the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure fulfilment of all the conditions by the deemed universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Applications from institutions for declaration as institution deemed to be university, under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, are considered on the basis of the provisions contained in the UGC guidelines in this regard.

(b) and (c) As per information provided by the University Grants Commission (UGC), as on 01.10.2008, there are 116 institutions which have been declared deemed to be universities. During the last 5 years, 56 institutions have been so declared, 45 of which are managed by private trusts/societies.

(d) and (e) While no institution is declared a deemed to be university without the express recommendations of the UGC, in regard to fulfilment of the required conditions laid down in the Commission's Guidelines, institutions which have potential for teaching and research in innovative areas of knowledge with promise of excellence are also considered for grant of status under the *de-novo* category with certain exemptions available to them in accordance with the UGC guidelines and subject to periodical review by Expert Committees constituted by the Commission. Out of 12 institutions declared deemed to be universities under the *de-novo* category, 11 declarations have been made in the last 5 years.

**New colleges in backward districts**

†181. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.